

WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE WATER IS TO BE USED (PROPERTY OWNER, LESSEE, CONTRACT PURCHASER, ETC.)

PROPERTY OWNER

ARE THERE ANY EXISTING WATER RIGHTS RELATED TO THE LAND ON WHICH THE WATER IS TO BE USED (INCLUDING WATER PROVIDED BY IRRIGATION DISTRICTS OR DITCH COMPANIES.)



YES



NO

IF YES, FROM WHAT SOURCE (i.e. SURFACE OR GROUND WATER) AND UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY

SURFACE WATER: ROZA IRRIGATION DISTRICT - BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

BENTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT - BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

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DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM PROPOSED OR INSTALLED

(FOR EXAMPLE: SIZE OF PUMP, CAPACITY OF PUMP, PUMP MOTOR HORSE POWER, PIPE DIAMETER, NUMBER OF SPRINKLERS, ETC.)

Since I haven't determined a point of diversion I don't know the pump size or capacity at this time. I propose pumping the well water into my Roza box for use in my existing under-tree sprinkler system. It has an eight inch mainline and 2¼" laterals decreasing in size to ¾". The low pressure, under-tree sprinklers operate on a gravity flow system. The system irrigates approximately 82½ acres of apples and 7½ acres of cherries.

REMARKS

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I have determined that there are no existing wells in my vicinity that could be used eliminating that option. Broetje Orchards to the north is presently drilling a second well, Whitney Farms and Valley Rose also to the north don't

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have wells, and Wanous to the west don't either. There is a canal, and two county roads to the south of my orchard. **COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF THIS APPLICATION INCLUDES IRRIGATION AS A USE**

IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 59, THE FAMILY FARM WATER ACT WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 3, 1977, WE MUST ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

DOES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES IN WHICH YOU HAVE CONTROLLING INTEREST IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON EXCEED 2000 ACRES FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE CATEGORIES:

1. LANDS THAT ARE BEING IRRIGATED UNDER WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED AFTER DECEMBER 8, 1977.

YES



NO



2. LANDS THAT MAY BE IRRIGATED UNDER APPLICATIONS NOW ON FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY.

YES



NO



3. LANDS THAT MAY BE IRRIGATED UNDER THIS APPLICATION.

YES



NO



IF 10 ACRE-FEET OR MORE OF WATER IS TO BE STORED AND/OR IF THE WATER DEPTH WILL BE 10 FEET OR MORE AT THE DEEPEST POINT, A STORAGE PERMIT MUST BE FILED IN ADDITION TO THIS PERMIT. THESE FORMS CAN BE SECURED, TOGETHER WITH INSTRUCTIONS, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY.

SIGNATURES

JOSEPH J. CHOTT

LEGAL LANDOWNERS NAME
(PLEASE PRINT)

Joseph J. Chott
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Joseph J. Chott
LEGAL LANDOWNER'S SIGNATURE (OWNER OF PROPERTY
DESCRIBED IN ITEM NUMBER 5)

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LEGAL LANDOWNER'S ADDRESS

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARATMENT OF ECOLOGY

ss.

This is to certify that I have examined this application together with the accompanying maps and data, and am returning it for correction or completion as follows:

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In order to retain its priority date, this application must be returned to the Department of Ecology, with corrections, on or before, 19.....

Witness my hand this day of, 19.....

Addendum To 1994 Drought Emergency Request Applications

The hydrological characteristics of the aquifer systems in the Yakima River Basin are currently under investigation or are being monitored for possible water level declines. In order to protect existing rights, the Department of Ecology may determine that no further water is available for new appropriations in several aquifers. It is, therefore, the opinion of the Department that the amount of ground water storage in this area may not be adequate to sustain full irrigation of the presently developed lands on a continuing basis.

In 1993, the Department issued a number of ground water permits in the Yakima Basin for supplemental irrigation. The Yakama Indian Nation has appealed the decisions claiming the ground water being withdrawn will ultimately decrease the flows of the Yakima River and further harm the already depressed anadromous fish stocks in that river. None of the hearings thus far have dealt with the merits of the case. The results of this litigation will not be known for some time.

Under these circumstances, it is in the state's interest that the Department of Ecology act with caution when implementing drought relief activities in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.83B, WAC 173-166, and the 1994 Order of Drought Declaration for the Yakima River Basin. The Department will, therefore, be reluctant to authorize construction of drought emergency wells that may not later be granted regular permits after the 1994 drought season has terminated or that may even be required to be decommissioned as a result of on-going litigation. In order to minimize large monetary investments that yield very little return, all applicants will be required to investigate the use of existing wells or obtain authorization to use existing water rights as an alternative to drilling a new well. Applicants will be required to provide a summary of the alternate sources of emergency water available to them before a drought emergency application will be considered complete and ready for action by the Department. Only where the use of existing wells is not an option, emergency drought authorizations to construct new wells may be granted under the condition that there is absolutely no guarantee or implication that a regular permit will be issued for further use of the well after the 1994 declared drought emergency.

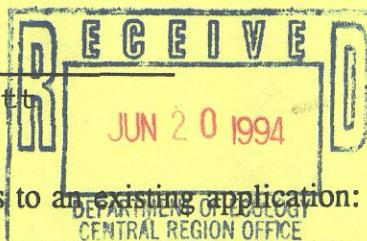
The Department will, therefore, deny any drought emergency requests where data indicate the ground water aquifer is already in a stressed condition. Further, any water granted will only be for the quantity necessary to keep the crop alive and not to fully supplement the supply required to obtain maximum crop yield and quality. It is also possible that the pump may be required to be removed and the well capped at the owners expense following the termination of the 1994 declared drought. All water use under an emergency permit will be metered and the use reported to the department. No authorizations for primary irrigation or heat control will be granted under drought emergency authorizations.

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I have read the conditions listed above under which 1994 emergency drought requests will be evaluated and any authorizations granted. I fully understand these conditions and am willing to accept them as part of my request for a drought emergency authorization for the 1994 irrigation season. Under the conditions described above, I am requesting an Emergency Drought Permit be issued for the application submitted with this Addendum and I will assume all risks associated with development if an authorization is granted to me.

J. J. Choate
Signature

J. J. Choate



June 18, 1994
Date

Application No. if this request applies to an existing application: _____